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To Whom it may concern,

I was alarmed to learn about the loss of a central bus hub in Kennedy Plaza. As I understand it, breaking up transfer locations means that it will take longer than it already does for transit riders to travel. This does not make for an inclusive Providence.

Having just attended one of the Kennedy Plaza redesign forums, I was led to believe that this hub would remain no less central and no less functional. I was encouraged by what I was presented with, but if indeed this dismantling of the central hub is what the redesign is *actually* planning, then count me out.

Furthermore, that RIDOT plans to use the 2014 Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Bond funds to dismantle and deconstruct the central bus hub in Kennedy Plaza is shocking; that's not what these funds were voted to be used for.

Please amend [Article 1, Section 18](#) by inserting the following two sentences beginning on line 6 of as follows:

"Per the 2014 Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Bond [ballot question](#), funds may only be utilized to fund enhancements and renovations to transit hub infrastructures. No bond funds may be utilized to dismantle or otherwise deconstruct the state's primary transit hub in Kennedy Plaza."

Thank you,

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